

ALASKA TRAUMA REGISTRY CALENDAR

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Department of Health and Social Services
Division of Public Health
Community Health and Emergency Medical Services

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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9	10	11 Safe Kids 911 Day	12	13 AK Bike and 	14 Pedestrian Summit	15
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Alaska Receives Surveillance Grants

The *Injury Surveillance and Prevention Program* (ISAPP) has just been awarded three more years of funding from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to continue collecting Alaskan data on traumatic brain injuries (TBI). There are about 650 TBI injured patients per year in Alaska who die or are admitted to a hospital.

Besides the routine data collected on these hospitalized patients through the Alaska Trauma Registry, the State will continue to send a contractor out to all 24 hospitals to gather additional information, such as the presence of a skull fracture, an intracranial lesion, loss of consciousness, injury severity scoring, and outcome scoring of the patient upon discharge.

In addition to the TBI surveillance funding, ISAPP has also received funds from CDC to do Spinal Cord Injury (SCI) surveillance in

Alaska. About 40 Alaskans per year are admitted to the hospital with an SCI.

Through Alaska's participation in these two national surveillance programs, our rates can be compared with the rates of other participating states. So far the crude rate of TBI in Alaska is 10% higher than the multi-state rate, and some regions of Alaska have rates more than twice the multi-state rate.

In the next three years of the TBI grant, ISAPP will publish and share these data, write traumatic brain injury prevention into the State Injury Prevention Plan, identify or develop traumatic brain injury prevention strategies, and provide TBI prevention training to health professionals who counsel clients in their practice.

As always, thank you for the important work you do for this program.